UNCLE SAM'S OLD WARSHIPS BOUGHT UP; SOME GO AS JUNK, OTHERS TO FOREIGN NATIONS

Many Small Navies Built Up on Discarded Vessels of the **United States**

Of the mighty ships of war which twenty-three years ago as the "white squadron" made the nation thrill with pride only three remain affoat in the service of the United States. The famous cruise of the "white squadron" to European ports was regarded as a token that the United States had found herself as a naval power, says the New York Herald. Yet when war was declared against Spain, nine years after the cruise, so out of date were those proud fighting craft that only one of them, the Boston, helped to smash Montojo's fleet at Manila and not a single vessel of the "white squadron" was actually engaged against Cervera at Cantlago. The Boston has since been condemned, but was reinstated and is at present doing service in Puget Bound.

The Chicago, one of the first of "the new navy," is eking out the last days of her service with the Massa-chusetts Naval Militia. She will soon be condemned and sold at auction according to naval authorities.

An interesting question is, What becomes of these old vessels? Most of them are sold at public auction by the Navy Department, and, consider-ing the purchase or contract prices, ed into the harbor of Cardenas. they sell for a song. Many of them | Within a mile and a half of the they sell for a song. Many of them are bought by large and wealthy junk dealers, who either refit them to sell to foreign navies or break them up for the copper rivets and other metal and sell the wood for kindling. Occasionally the old wooden vessels have beams or fittings which may be sold to wealthy men for use in building houses.

Within a mile and a half of the lot a stop of the America, which was given to a stop of the Independence was built in Bos ton and launched there in 1814. As the first ship of Commodore Bainbridge ing in the harbor.

Lieutenant Bernadou steered his little craft between two lines of bobling red buoys which it was supposed to make her one of the features of the Panama Exposition, and it is to be

ated a great sensation in her day. masked battery to the east of the She was built of wood by the Hertown.

the gunboat Bennington, the old sloop The Winslow's 3-pounders roared in with a superb navy today, bought her

was the Detroit, a pigmy compared mission. Brazilian men of war and the forti-fications in the harbor. Early in that year the insurrection in Brazil had gained such headway that foreign shipping in the harbor of Rio Janeiro Lieutenant Bernadou knew that to shipping in the harbor of Rio Janeiro all nations lay at their plers under lowed to depart. This was the situal appeared on deck and reported: tion which confronted Bear Admiral . "One engine and one boiler ready A. E. K. Benham when he arrived out- for service, sir." side the harbor with a division of the "Crowd her all you can!" shouted

ttention to Rear Admiral Benham's which Lieutenant Bernadou stationed request that the American merchant Ensign Worth Bagley at the hatch port, and as a result the Detroit, com-manded by Captain Bronson, was or-By this time the Wilmington was dered into the harbor to liberate the detained vessels. Straight toward the piers where the ships were detained the little Detroit steamed. Before she reached her destination the insurgents fired upon her, but the Detroit kept steadily on her way, re and there fell dead. prining the fire from her rapid fire

The insurgents were frightened; the Brazilian men of war looked menacing, but they did not use their guns. Captain Bronson's acceptance of the challenge showed that the Americans

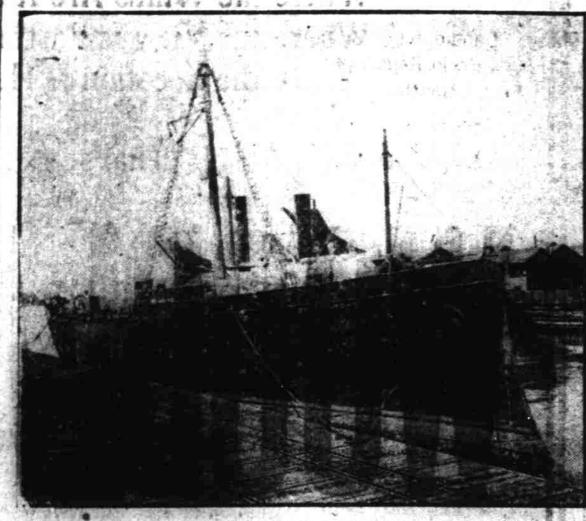
is now lying at a pler at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, in Brooklyn. Her owners have not decided what they will do with her. It was at first intended to fit her for passenger service, but this idea has been aband the torpedo boat is a forlorn sight in to ten per cent. doned, and the Detroit will probably find her way into the navy of some! second or third class power.

Winslow Made History. In Erie Basin, surrounded by defunct tramp steamships and decaying relics of the sailing vessel days, lies the little torpedo boat Winslow, whose crew covered themselves with glory during the Spanish-American war.

The Winslow was lying off Cardenas in the fleet which was maintaining a blockade of the Cuban coast the war with Spain, have passed from in 1898. In the afternoon of May 9 the navy. On June 30, 1898, while out between the vessels stationed at republic shall develop into a grand as one of the assets and the name continues might break out between the vessels stationed at republic shall develop into a grand as one of the assets and the name continues might break out between the vessels stationed at republic shall develop into a grand as one of the assets and the name continues might break out between the vessels stationed at republic shall develop into a grand as one of the assets and the name continues might be navy. it became known that several Span- the two vessels were reconnoitering be- Apia, but on March 16 a tropical hur- imperial nation. Under a newly acish gunboats were lying at piers in tween Cape Cruz and Manzanillo, they ricane swept the harbor, and the Cal- quired emperor a titled class would fying appellation, "The Seventeenth thought all serious readers ought to the harbor. It was the problem of became engaged with shore batteries the Americans to draw those vessels and infantry. The Hornet was disout for a fight. So shallow was the abled when her main steam pipe was water of Cardenas Harbor and so cut, but she was towed to safety by the Trenton the band on the Amer- buy a dukedom, five million the title narrow the channel that so long as the Wompatuck. On July 18 the the Spaniards remained at their piers made another attack on Manzanillo they were safe.

Under Lieutenant Bernadou, the boats. little Winslow dashed across the Purchased by Filibusters. shoats to within a mile of the town and opened fire with her 1-pounders. purchased in New Orleans by agents This fire was rather ineffective and of Honduran revolutionists, but the the Winslow was practically useless; against the shore batteries, but she cid exasperate the Spaniards so that one of the gunboats steamed against her. Lieutenant Bernadou retreated and led the gunboat on in pursuit.

The Machias, one of the vessels supporting the Winslow, planted a sion by the Navy Department is the six pound shell on the Spaniard at old Independence, for half a century Fair, comprising some of America's break up the illicit trassc. Specia' long range, and the gunboat steamed the receiving ship at Mare Island greatest builders, will meet in San agents will direct operations hence tack to her pier. On the afternoon Navy Yard. of May 11 the Winslow, leading the The Independence was the only way; the Wilmington and the revel American ship affoat during the War nounced his retirement from the ring Turkey has appointed a committee party. Every one present will be a who lives at 1722 Buchanan street which was not often used and steam- the line," and the first American ves. the world's champion.



FORMER WARSHIP BENNINGTON NOW A "TANKER" IN LOCAL"

The Stiletto, which was the first marked a channel, but he soon learntorpedo boat of "the new navy," cre- ed that they were range fixers for a

reshoffs, of Bristol, R. I., at a cost to the government of \$25,000, and she was recently sold at auction for \$377.

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of war Iroquois, the converted yachts reply to the Spanish fire. A shot tore first armored man of war from the Loats. Winslow and Stiletto. This vessel was built by Messrs. The cruiser Detroit, one of the steel buried itself in Lieutenant Ber-"white squadron," which cost when nadou's groin. He bound a towel built \$612,500, was purchased from around it, using a one-pound shell to the government by the estate of make a torniquet, and staggered aft Lewis Luckenbach for \$20,000. It to get the hand steering gear in com-

with a modern armored cruiser, which steamed alone into the harbor of Rio carried that away, and a man from Janeiro in 1894 and overawed the below rejorted one boiler pierced and

ed. Vessels of change his position however slightly would necessitate the Spaniards' the Brazilian guns and were not al. changing their range. An engineer

Without steering gear, the vessel The Brazilian authorities paid no gradually turned in an arc, seeing is be allowed to depart from the above the engine room and began sending a hail of four-inch shells into the Spanish batteries.

A Spanish shell struck the deck of the Winslow, exploded against a hose reel near Ensign Bagley, who was passing orders to the engine room, and he staggered forward to the signal mast

Line Cut by Shot. Then came the Hudson, a mere tugboat in size and construction, but Captain Newcomb steamed boldly into the fire zone and Lieutenant M. Scott threw a line to the Winslow. The line parted once, cut by a shot, but the meant business and the Brazilians Hudson made fast again, alongside complied with Rear Admiral Bentham's request.

Hudson made fast again, alongside the Winslow this time, and towed her to safety while the Wilmington de-The sturdy little vessel which ac molished the batteries and the gunquitted herself so well at Rio Janeiro boats. During the action the town

was set on fire. It is this little Tartar of a vessel Iron Company for \$2,250 and is now to twenty per cent of the original her present circumstances when one Cost of Repairing remembers what she has seen, but it is probable that she will be completely overhauled and sold to some other ty per cent of the contract price. navy, where she may see active service and even stand up under fire

once more. The Bennington, another of the old white squadron, was sold to a sugar firm and is now doing duty in Honolulu as a storage ship for molasses. The Hist and Hornet, converted

yachts which did excellent service in and destroyed several Spanish gun-

About two years ago the Hornet was United States authorities prevented her from taking part in the filibustering expedition for which she was intended. The Hist has been sold to a junk concern, which will probably re-

fit her. One of the most interesting of the vessels recently put out of commis-

sel of her class, with the exception of the America, which was given to The Independence was built in Bos-

ton and launched there in 1814. As the flagship of Commodore Bainbridge she was the first ship of the line to carry the American flag to the Mediterranean. She cost \$421,810 and carried seventy-four guns. It is proposed to make her one of the features of the Panama Exposition, and it is to be hoped she will in some manner be preserved rather than sent to the junk heap. Navy officers are anxious to have the stanch old vessel, which has seen almost a century of service, honorably taken care of. Help Small Powers.

The system of selling old war ships to foreign navies has been a help to many second class Powers. Japan,

This vessel was built by Messrs. Arman, of Bordeaux, France, for the Confederate States in 1865. It was REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS Sphinx, and carried one 300-pounder and two 70-pound Armstrong guns.

The Sphinx was sold under certain conditions to the Danish government, but on her way to Denmark she was taken into a Swedish port and nominally sold to a Swedish gentleman. She was then delivered to a Confederate officer in the open sea off the coast of France. All this was to avoid international complications.

United States Secret Service men knew of the operation, and federal cruisers followed the vessel, which had been renamed the Stonewall, until she was driven into Havana Harbor, where, to avoid capture, her commander disabled her and turned her over to the Spanish Governor General in May, 1865. The vessel was later delivered to the United States. She was then more or less out of date, measured by rapidly advancing naval standards, and was sold to Japan, together with two sailing vessels, which became the nucleus of the Mikado's

new navy. A number of United States vessels of war have been sold to Peru, France, Hayti and Brazil.

Recently condemned and soon to be sold is the old wooden steam sloop of ing of the Nipsic recall interesting history, but it is directly concerned in WHY PEOPLE GO TO PARIS the present system of repairing vessels and is partly responsible for the law restricting the amount of money

to be spent on the repair of vessels. In the early seventies Congress was disposed to appropriate much money for the building of war ships, but was anxious to have some of the old vessels repaired. Accordingly the Nipsic was practically razed and a new vessel built around the old cast iron hawse elasticity of the repair clause led Con- gan and some others, to hobnob with gress to pass regulations restricting kings and emperors. which has been bought by the Olsen the cost of repair of a wooden vessel-

pairs of steel vessels is fixed at twen- some of its ambitious newspaper wri-

the German vessels Olga, Bber and and that settled the matter.

own way to safety.

ashore, many lives being lost. After racy of wealth. the hurricane the Nipsic was floated she was docked and put into better centers of business and capital. condition.

price.

Francisco August 15th. Now that Jack Johnson has an-



You Should Hear

of Oakland, in the

Bijou Theatre Sunday Evening,

The Subject of His Address will be

"What of the Night"

EVERYBODY WELCOME

In the evening the Young People's United States, and will have some meeting will be held at 4:30. Strang- thing interesting to tell us. ers and men of the army and navy A confial invitation and hearty welare especially invited to the services come extended to all. of this church.

an frontlad ram, then named the CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. Church on King street, near Thomas

> 9:45 a. m.-Sunday school, Lessons adapted to all ages. Adult classes in topic, Korah.

HOME OF TRUTH. 1220 Kapiolani street, near Beretahia avenue. Mrs. M. M. Hunter-Jones, ministrant.

Sunday service, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Cleansing of the Temple." also a free reading room is open to Thursday, 8 p. m., a series of lest the public daily from 11 a. m. to 1 both English and Hawaiian. Lesson sons on the activities of the Spirit. p. m. "The Subconscious Mind: All are cordially invited.

SCIENTIST.

Sunday services-Sunday school at 9:45 for young people under 20 years. which show typical scenes Lesson sermon at 11 a. m.; subject.

Wednesday evening — Testimonial tures. Smith plans to dinectings at 8 o'clock.

All services are held in the Odd be associated with barbar meetings at 8 o'clock. Fellows' building, Fort street, where also a free reading room is open to tell of the civilized and t

PEOPLE'S SERVICES AT BIJOU WITH DR. GOODSPEED AS SPEAKER

on which he is a recognized authorple's Services at the Bijou Theater. Rev. D. C. Peters, pastor of the Chris-

war Nipsic. Not only does the pass- of Dr. Goodspeed's rare force and tended to all.

Reviewing the progress of Christian- magnetism and a subject of such genity throughout the world, a subject eral interest, the house should be a

Dr. Goodspeed's subject is called, ity, the Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, "What of the Night?" A splendid D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian quartet composed of Mrs. Bruce McV. church of Oakland, Cal., will speak Mackall, Mrs. Weight, Mr. Wall and tomorrow night in the series of Peo- Mr. Brown will sing two numbers. The More than a thousand persons are tian church, will preside, and Arthur expected to attend the meeting, for Hudson, choir leader of the Methodist last Sunday night about eight hundred Episcopal church, will lead the singwere present. The series is proving a ing. The services begin at 7:45 an essential character of the library to be made a second Southern Call wonderful success, and with a speaker e'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to the library to be made a second Southern Call wonderful success, and with a speaker e'clock and a cordial invitation is ex-

It is not merely pleasure-seeking or a desire for study and culture that draws our people to European travel and residence, but the opportunity given for the people of the democraticrepublican country to associate on terms of social equality with persons of hereditary rank and privilege, and even if one is extremely rich and is a pipes, which served as a base. This great captain of capital, like Mr. Mor-

From time to time some of our American cities have aspired to the lying in Erie Basin. The proud lit- cost. Later the figure was reduced position of Paris as a specially pleasure resort, and years ago, when Cincinnati was the shief city in Ohio, be-The present limit for the cost of re- fore it gave precedence to Cleveland, ters declared it to be the "Paris of The Nipsic, which will soon be sold. "America." But the witty George D. was at Apia. Samoa, on March 15 and Prentice, who then dominated Ken-16. 1889, with the American war ves- tucky journalism, insisted that if there sels Trenton and Vandalia, in com- were any Paris in the makeup of the pany with the British ship Calliope and "Queen City" it was plaster of paris.

There can never be in the United International relations were strain- States a real Paris of America until ed at the time and there were fears we shall get ranks and orders of noat home that hostilities might break bility, and that will only be when our lioue alone of all the vessels there suc- follow as a matter of course, and the ceeded in making her way out of the easiest way to get it would be to sell harbor into the offing. As she passed the titles. Ten million dollars would ican vessel played and the men and of count and one million that of a officers cheered the British, although, baron. In the beginnings of Old because of their position, there was | World nobility titles were granted by when such a system is started in al The Trenton and the Vandalia were great country like ours the simplest wrecked and the Nipsic was cast | way would be to establish air aristoc-

Until then our great metropolitan and made her way to Honolulu, where cities will never be more than mere

Deputy Customs Surveyor C. H. Too often popularity isn't worth the Blinn of San Francisco has been removed from the head of the "opium The architectural commission of the squad' because of his inability to

upon which the war may be ended. | guest-of-honor.

A NAVY FOR SALE

It looks as if the world was against

Hayti since the gunboat that constitutes her navy is lying down at League-island, whither she was sent for repairs which no contractor is willing to make unless some responsible person will guarantee payment reader. It was better that the reader for the same. The history of the ex- should have the opportunity of readploits of the Haytian "navy," which ing whatever he wanted, and should means the boat in question, sounds not have the sense that he was being like one of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic | forced into particular paths of learnoperas. Originally a pleasure yacht, ing. It gave that stimulus and interbuilt fourteen years ago by a wealthy est without which reading was quite New Yorker, who sailed in her under useless, her first name, America, to almost every port on earth and then died, she was unloaded by the executors of the crease in the circulation of the books. estate on the former President of the which, he said, might be due to the THIRD PARTY HAVING dark republic, Antonio Simon. This hurry and mobility of age. If it was official was having his troubles at the true that literature was in the flourtime with a rival candidate for the of- ishing condition in which it had been fice in the person of the present exe- for generations past, why was it that Discord Over Question of Putcutive, Cincinnatus LeConte, then the such desperate efforts were made to leader of the rebel forces. After miff books and to adverting them so equipping the vessel with rapid-fire that wherever they went they should runs and a powder magazine, the first be confronted by advertisements of a President paraded her about the coast most fulsome kind? It they took un of Hayti in order to scare the rebels, some books they would find them inwho, however, refused to be frighten terlarded with wretched advertise ed. Finally when the Government ment puffs. They perhaps showed a was overturned, the vessel was taken photographic reproduction of a very of December," to signalize the date of resist that kind of thing, and form the change of Government. As no an association pledging themselves body will come forward and repair the absolutely to bovcott all those things ressel without a guarantee of pay- that were thrust upon them by offenment, the navy yard offered to do the work at cost, \$150,000. But even in this case Uncle Sam's obliging offer no chance that they could make their the sovereign for eminent services, but has not been met with any satisfactory evidence of an ability on the part of Havti to find the money. The idea of repairing the Haytian "navy" has therefore been abandoned by its Government, which now has advertised it for sale as junk and has received as the highest offer a bid of \$10,000 from alabama. As the vessel originally at \$500. cost \$900,000 to build and was sold to Hayti for \$250,000, this offer of \$10,-000 for her as junk shows how even a "navy" may deteriorate and sink to

aire, is to give a "billion-dollar" lawn trace of it has been found. Wores

low estate.-Philadelphia Telegram.

OPEN-DOOR SYSTEM IN LONDON LIBRARY

first annual meeting of the members of the London library was held in the be devoted to the Pacific reading room of the library, St. James'

Lord Hugh Cecil, M. P., was in the go to Florida and tell his tal chair, in proposing the adoption of the report, said it was one of the main purposes of a library like the London library to put within the reach of stu- the Gulf States and So dents books which were beyond their nia. means, and it was the wish of the that character to the already exten- that they have not begun to make sive resources of the library. It was tholic character, and it was this catholicity of purpose, he thought, which

really recommended it. He was sure that in the end the principle of the open door was the hest principle on which a library could work, for free competition between serious literature and literature of a more attractive and imaginative character was eventually better for the

Frederick Harison, in seconding the be given within a few days before the resolution, called attention to the del Camera Club of San Francisco sive and ridiculous advertisements.

LOS ANGELES, July 30,-Theo dore Wores' forgetfulness cost his wife a lot of pin money and a num- should be pursued other than to say ber of pieces of jewelry today valued that he thought the head of the State The money, \$75 in gold and silver,

with a pair of diamond earrings, a gold necklace, a diamond brooch, a movement feels that the Republican gold ring and a pearl stickpin, were ticket as picked at the primaries is in a handsome leather handbag. When the couple left a Moneta-avenue car Henry C. Frick, Pittsburg million- Wores left the bag in a seat. No Alexandria.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.-Wal CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

King and Alakea streets.

Tomorrow morning Minister Peters

6 p. m.—Zion's Religio-Literary So
Will be in the number and give the next clark.

A metaphysical library and free lulu, bound on a lecture tour of clark. will be in the pulpit and give the sermon, but the evening sermon will be
omitted, the congregation joining in
the union service at the Bijou Theter, Dr. Goodspeed preaching.

The Bible school of the church
opens its session at 9:45, and the
morning sermon will be given at 11.

In the evening the Young People's libited States and will have some.

An elaborate co ties of the Hawaiians has been for use in connection with the hula hula dancers. His the world weary among the g trotters may journey and fi

LONDON, July 25.—The seventy of the local chambers of con winter tourists at Jacksonvi

when the story of her greats

Smith formerly was a newsp man in San Francisco, leaving here in 1893 to act as war corresp during the revolution that un the Hawaiian queen. Later he we to China as correspondent for San Francisco papers during the Chino-Japanese war in 1894, returning to Honolulu and eventually itor of the Commercial Adv This post he held for 10 years, re signing in 1909 on account of health. During the last year or two he has served as editor of the Hawaiian Star. His first lecture will

TROUBLE IN ILLINOIS

ting a State Ticket in the Field Against Taft

CHICAGO, July 15.—Dissension has orbken out between the "radicals" and "conservatives" of the third party movement in Illinois over the question of placing a State and county ticket in the field.

The conferences scheduled for to the leaders thinking it best to take a day off to pour a little oil on the troubled waters.

The best authenticated reports of the trouble was that there was a difference of opinion as to the advisability of placing a State ticket in the field. Another bother added to the HAS BAD LUCK mix-up was that Colonel Roosevelt has left the matter entirely to the Rooseveltians of the State and has made no suggestion as to what course ticket ought to be some one in full accord with the third party principles.

> The "conservative" element in the about as strong as it can be.

House members opposed to the rallroad-owned ships using the canal declare they will keep Congress in sesnue cutter Hudson sounded a channel of 1812 which was rated as a "ship of Joe Jeannette announces himself as to confer with Italy concerning terms millionaire except President Taft, the San Francisco, is a guest at the Hotel sion until December unless the senate agrees to the house Panama bill.